

189 cont. / Limão Verde and Aldeinha

175 of the family of the leader, Neco, is a question we cannot
621 discuss for lack of data. We can say, however, that the two
797 hypotheses are not mutually exclusive and that, in all proba-
795 bility, both "Believers" and "non-Believers" were drawn to
the new community, and that, among the latter, the majority
must ultimately have been drawn by the Protestant cults and
the power of persuasion of their leaders. As a result, among
the 39 families mentioned, only 13 are not Protestant. It
[622] must be mentioned that two of the community leaders already
had experience of religious proselytism. Old Neco, for ex-
ample, had collaborated in the evangelization of the Terêna
of Buriti, in the place called "Agua Azul," a community
regarded today as Protestant.

162 With reference to the ethnic composition, it can be said
621 that the Terêna, although they are not properly speaking a
[144] minority, are outnumbered by the mestizo group, that is, by
those individuals whose fathers or mothers are not "pure"
Terêna. Of 211 persons listed in the census, 123 are mestizos
(the fruits of interethnic or intertribal unions), 78 are "pure"
Terêna (children of Terêna fathers and mothers), 3 are
"Purutuya"-white, 5 are "Purutuya"-Negro, and only one is
101 Kinikináu (one not being included). It should be explained
829 here that "Purutuya" is the designation in the Terêna language
for the "civilizado," whether white or black, despite the fact
that this term is a neologism applied initially to the Portuguese.

464 It can be said that Aldeinha lives on employment in the
648 city of Aquidauana. Over half its inhabitants work in the city,
[247] that is, hold jobs of an urban nature, while the other part is
divided in doing farm work on neighboring fazendas and small
[42] farms, or on their own farm plots. Like Limão Verde and,
naturally, on a much wider scale, Aldeinha serves as a domestic
workers' pool: nearly all the young girls in the community
have already been employed in the homes /90/ of the city
and they are constantly sought out in the aldeia itself with
offers of employment.